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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations,
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Upgraded Radios for the Paradise Police Department in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Paradise located at 5555 Skyway Paradise, CA 95969.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit the surrounding region.

Prior to the Camp Fire devastating the Town of Paradise on November 8, 2018, Paradise had a robust VHF radio network installed prior to January 1, 2013, in compliance with FCC requirements to narrow band our frequencies. The Camp Fire destroyed the radio network connections throughout the Town of Paradise. Since the Camp Fire, Paradise has been operating on a combination of our transmitter and a single surviving repeater, and Butte County's Butte Regional Interoperable Communications System (BRICS), a new 700 MHz trunked radio network. None of Paradise's portable (hand-held) or mobile (car) radios work on the County's network, so temporary patches are in place to interconnect legacy VHF systems to the new BRICS 700 MHz network. The Town's remaining VHF radio infrastructure, including nearly all portable and mobile radios, are "end of life" and no longer supported by the manufacturer for hardware or software repairs or updates. The Town of Paradise intends to purchase new portable and mobile radio equipment that will operate on the BRICS network, be supported by the manufacturer for hardware and software maintenance, repairs or updates, and comply with all current FCC regulations, to provide the greatest interoperability of our radio equipment and provide flexibility and longevity of our systems and equipment. These radios will provide the foundation upon which the rest of the Town's two-way radio communications infrastructure can be built. Ultimately, the Town of Paradise is working toward joining Butte County in their regional radio network approach to minimize infrastructure replacement costs and maximize interoperability of equipment.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Doug LaMalfa". The signature is stylized, with the first name "Doug" written in a cursive-like script, and the last name "LaMalfa" in a more formal, slightly cursive script.

Doug LaMalfa
Member of Congress